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1. BOTH ZAMBIAN DAILY PAPERS SEPT 3 CARRY EDITORIAL
COMMENT ON NEW SINAI DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT. WHILE
WELCOMING ACCORD AS PROVIDING FURTHER PROLONGATION OF
MIDEAST CEASEFIRE, BOTH PAPERS POINT OUT THAT THIS CAN
ONLY BE FIRST STEP ON LONG JOURNEY TO SOLUTION OF
FUNDAMENTAL MIDEAST PROBLEM WHICH DESCRIBED AS LIBERATION
OF OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND JUSTICE FOR PALESTINIAN
PEOPLE.

2. GOVT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL APPLAUDS REJECTION BY
EGYPTIAN AND ISRAELI GOVTS OF EXTREMIST POSITIONS IN BOTH
COUNTRIES. NEGOTIATION OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT SEEN
AS VICTORY FOR COMMON SENSE AND AS ACT OF STRENGTH
RATHER THAN WEAKNESS. ADDS THAT ACCORD MADE POSSIBLE
BECAUSE ISRAEL HAS "AT LAST ACCEPTED THE REALITY OF
THE ASPIRATIONS, CAUSE, AND CASE OF THE EGYPTIAN
PEOPLE" AND URGES ISRAEL ACCEPT THAT SYRIA AND JORDAN
TOO HAVE VALID CASES FOR RETURN OF OCCUPIED TERRITORY.
"WHEN SYRIA, JORDAN, ISRAEL AND EGYPT CAN DO BUSINESS
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WITH SINCERITY, THEN THEY CAN USE THEIR VAST FINANCIAL

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AND INTELLECTUAL RESOURCES TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF
THE PALESTINIANS."

3. PARTY-OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA, OFTEN CRITICAL IN
PAST OF SECY KISSINGER'S MIDEAST PEACE EFFORTS, NOTES
IT IS YET TO BE SEEN HOW REAL HIS LATEST EFFORT WILL
TURN OUT. ARGUES THAT KISSINGER NEEDED SOME KIND OF
RESULT FOR SAKE OF US AND OF HIS OWN PRESTIGE AND
REPUTATION AS MUCH AS ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS DID.
POINTING OUT ARAB COUNTRIES BESIDES EGYPT ARE INTERESTED
AND INVOLVED IN QUESTION OF ISRAEL, TIMES WARNS THAT
APPLAUSE FOR SECY'S ACHIEVEMENT "IS LIMITED AND CAUTIOUS
BECAUSE OF THE UNKNOWN SECRET CLAUSES AND FORMULAS
UPON WHICH THE SURFACE PORTION OF THE ACCORD IS RESTING."
WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE OF THESE "SECRET CLAUSES", TIMES ADDS,
IT IS HARD TO KNOW WHETHER PEACE CAN TRULY HOLD AND UNDER
WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES EITHER SIDE MAY FEEL UNBOUND BY THE
AGREEMENT. ALSO IT IS DIFFICULT TO PLACE EXACTLY ROLE
AND POSITION OF US. WHILE US INVOLVEMENT TO BRING PEACE
IS "HUMANISTIC", US HAS ITS OWN NATIONAL INTERESTS IN
REGION AND, TIMES ASKS, JUST WHERE DO THE SECRET CLAUSES FIT
IN?
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